



Throsby Home of Football

REPORT ON WHAT WE HEARD

The ACT Government is progressing with the development of the Throsby Home of Football.

As our city grows, we are committed to delivering more sporting facilities to help Canberrans stay active, healthy and engaged in the sports they love.

The ACT Government announced plans to develop the Throsby Home of Football in June 2019. Since that time, work has been underway to progress the necessary planning and design requirements in consultation with Capital Football, which will operate and maintain the facility once complete.

Located on the corner of Horse Park Drive and Gecko Way, the ACT Government and Capital Football are investing \$33.5 million to support the initial stage of works for the Throsby Home of Football, which represents a considerable investment in new sport and recreational infrastructure within the Gungahlin region.

Importantly, the community football fields will be made available to the community when not being used for formal games and training activities.

Construction on the Throsby Home of Football is due to start in mid-2022 once the necessary planning approvals have been obtained.

THE CONVERSATION

An online YourSay survey was open during the formal consultation period from Tuesday 26 October 2021 to Friday 26 November 2021 for the local community to comment on the design of the Throsby Home of Football.

The community was also able to provide comments via email and ask questions via a live Question and Answer function on the YourSay webpage.

WHO WE ENGAGED

Consultation and engagement directly targeted nearby residents in Throsby, Harrison and the suburb of Gungahlin, who were notified of the engagement through a letterbox drop. To capture the broader community, the project was placed on the ACT Government's Mingle website and promoted via social media, with clear directions to the YourSay website.

A link to the YourSay webpage was provided to the Gungahlin Community Council and was also distributed via a Throsby residents Facebook page. Through Capital Football, Gungahlin United FC and the broader football community were notified of the engagement.

A majority of those who responded in the survey identified as future users of the site, with 60.4% saying they would use the Throsby Home of Football.



Key insights from the community

Support for sporting facilities

1. The majority of survey respondents supported the project.
2. The site's proximity to Gungahlin and arterial roads was seen as a positive.
3. The number of football fields, community access, trees, green space and sporting facilities for local clubs were key features that survey respondents liked about the project.
4. Some respondents commented that the number of football fields could be increased.

Traffic, parking and site access

5. Traffic, parking and access to the site were identified as key concerns for respondents.
6. Respondents raised concerns about an increase of traffic on Anthony Rolfe Ave and Bettong Way.
7. There were concerns that people using the site would park on surrounding streets.
8. Respondents raised the option of another access road off Horse Park Drive into the site.

Meeting the needs of the football community

9. Some respondents raised concerns about the ability of the facility to meet the needs of the growing football community.
10. Some respondents commented that the number of football fields and futsal courts should be increased.
11. Questions were raised about Gungahlin Football Club and whether the club will be relocating from Harrison to Throsby once the facility is built.

Facilities within the Throsby Home of Football

12. Some respondents enquired about the facilities within the Throsby Home of Football, including changerooms, toilets and amenities such as bike racks.
13. Access to public transport and more active travel opportunities to and from the site was also raised by some respondents.
14. Respondents also wanted the fields to be adequately lit.
15. Shops were also suggested for the site.

Mulligans Flat

16. Proximity to Mulligans Flat was raised as a concern for some respondents in terms of noise and impact.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Feedback received will be used to help inform the Estate Development Plan.

In coming months, a Technical Amendment to the Territory Plan will be publicly released by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate to progress the site re-zoning. In early-2022, a final report addressing the issues raised in this engagement will be released, prior to the Estate Development Plan Development Application being lodged. At this stage, construction is due to commence in mid-2022, subject to planning approvals.

Further enquiries can be made via email: sportandrecreation@act.gov.au



Key Timings

June 2019: Throsby Home of Football Announced

January 2020: Throsby Home of Football planning and design work commenced

September 2021: Throsby Home of Football community consultation commenced

December 2021: What We Heard Report released

Late 2021 – Early 2022: Technical Amendment to the Territory Plan lodged

Early 2022: Estate Development Plan Development Application lodged

Mid 2022: Construction to commence on the Throsby Home of Football

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

47

We reached 47 people via
YourSay

15

We answered 15 questions
via YourSay

1

We delivered 1 presentation
to the Gungahlin Community
Council

50

We received 50 comments
from the community

9,525

We reached a social media
audience of almost 10,000

6,620

We sent letters to over
6,000 residents in Throsby,
Harrison and Gungahlin